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## **LAS VEGAS MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 17 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING METH**

### ***Co-conspirator Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison***

TUCSON, Ariz. – Mariano Torres-Sainz, 35, of Las Vegas, was sentenced here to 210 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. Torres-Sainz pleaded guilty on March 21, 2005, to possession with intent to distribute 50 pounds of 95% pure methamphetamine. His co-defendant, Alfonso Lugo-Machado, received a 10-year sentence from Judge Jorgenson in July.

The indictment was the result of an attempt by Torres-Sainz and Lugo-Machado to sell 50 pounds of methamphetamine to an undercover agent in July 2003. The agent had negotiated the sale of the methamphetamine over several weeks with Torres-Sainz and they agreed to meet to exchange the methamphetamine for approximately \$418,000. During that transaction, both Torres-Sainz and Lugo-Machado were arrested by DEA agents.

Torres-Sainz received a 210 month sentence for possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine on February 15, 2005. Lugo-Machado received a 120 month sentence for possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine on July 5, 2005. It was both defendants' first offense in the United States. Judge Jorgenson also imposed a five-year period of supervised release for Torres-Sainz and a three-year period of supervised release for Lugo-Machado to be served following the conclusion of each defendant's prison sentence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Tucson. The prosecution was handled by Cynthia R. Wood, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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